

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  UTILICORP COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-57 WRU-00-69-3508
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**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION, CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,  
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued December 14, 2000)

On September 29, 2000, UtiliCorp Communications Services, Inc. (UtiliCorp), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide statewide facilities-based and resold local exchange services. Initially, UtiliCorp proposes to offer local exchange service in the exchanges served by Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom). The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-00-57. UtiliCorp has provided the qualifications of its company officers and financial statements and commits to providing dialing parity on both intraLATA and interLATA basis by implementing a 2-PIC pre-subscription methodology.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant

"possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest."

The Board has reviewed UtiliCorp's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board finds that it is consistent with the public interest to approve the application.

UtiliCorp also states that its service area will mirror the service territory of Qwest and Iowa Telecom and concurs in their exchange and service area maps as they are currently filed and as they may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have on file with the Board maps, which show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that UtiliCorp has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in the maps of the two incumbent local exchange carriers.

UtiliCorp has requested that the Board waive the requirements of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2). The waiver requests were identified as Docket No. WRU-00-69-3508.

UtiliCorp requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires the keeping of records according to the uniform system of accounts. UtiliCorp states that it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles

(GAAP). The Board finds that this waiver should be granted, since records kept in accordance with GAAP accounting are acceptable for a competitive local exchange service provider.

UtiliCorp has requested that the requirements of 199 IAC 18.2 be waived. The rule requires that a regulated public utility keep its records in Iowa. The Board will grant the waiver based upon the statement of UtiliCorp that it will make the records available to the Board upon request.

UtiliCorp also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1), requiring it to independently publish a directory. The Board will grant this waiver since UtiliCorp does not have a sufficient number of customers to warrant publishing a directory. The Board will require that UtiliCorp provide its customers listing information to the publisher of the local directory.

UtiliCorp has not filed proposed tariffs for Board approval setting out the service and rates for providing local exchange service. The Board finds that a certificate should not be issued to UtiliCorp until it has approved tariffs.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by UtiliCorp Communications Services, Inc., on September 29, 2000, is approved, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. The Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing UtiliCorp Communications Services, Inc., to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and

conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. At the time UtiliCorp Communications Services, Inc., files proposed tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers.

3. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the exchanges of Qwest Corporation and Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, is approved.

4. The waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(2) is granted as described in this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.